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On The Move

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George Washington said in his Farewell Address:

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars.”

A Word From the State Director

Bill Federer Coming to CWA Meeting in Austin

On September 15, 2012, Concerned Women for America of Texas will be hosting a seminar in Austin, Texas. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree Suites Hotel, 303 W. 15th Street, Kenda Bartlett, Executive Director of CWA, will be leading the initial session on how to involve members and potential members in the causes for which we fight. Ann Hettinger will introduce leaders of conservative organizations in Texas who will brief the attendees on legislative measures being proposed for the 2013 legislative session. Jonathan Saenz of Liberty Institute will be briefing on marriage laws, Joe



Kenda Bartlett



Bill Federer

Pojman of Texas Alliance for Life will be briefing on defunding Planned Parenthood, and others will be reporting on other legislation.

Following lunch at the hotel, the conference will move to the auditorium at the capitol building, and Bill Federer, historian, author and lecturer on Islam, will lead a seminar unmasking sharia law and legislators will brief on proposals to cover this in the upcoming session.

The invitation to attend is extended to all CWA members, leaders and their guests. There is a \$35 registration fee. Registrations for the conference must be

postmarked by **September 7, 2012**. To register simply send a check or money order with the name, address, phone number and e-mail addresses of those attending to CWA of Texas, PO Box 1746, Rockwall, TX 75087.

In addition to the registration, attendees may reserve a room at the DoubleTree for the night of September 14, 2012, by calling (512) 505-4062 and telling them you are a part of the Concerned Women for America meeting. The rate for the room is \$149 plus taxes. **The deadline for reserving a room is August 14, 2012.** [Click here](#) if you have any questions.



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Women at Risk

It has been reported that the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith has changed their restroom policy for transgender students according to LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-gender, Questioning) Nation magazine, now

allowing them access to women’s facilities. The move came following a challenge by a thirty-eight-year-old student who is currently trying to save money for “sex reassignment surgery.” Braly, an anatomically-male transgender student may now

use women’s restrooms on campus. The university, in an attempt to accommodate Braly’s gender confusion, offered unisex facilities. However, Braly contacted the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and they intervened. Xochitl

Those Pesky Phone Calls



This is probably true at your house. Dinner time begins about the same time the “promotional calls” set your phone to ringing! The fact is organizations like Concerned Women for America of Texas can only do what donations allow them to do. We have a huge opportunity to bring nationally known speakers to Texas to impact future Texas legislation. HOWEVER, we must take in donations to cover our costs!

Would you please help us with a gift—any size will help—to produce our CULTURE WARRIORS IN ACTION seminar on September 15 in Austin.

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Hinojosa, from the Department of Justice, confirmed that they have received the complaint and that they are reviewing it to determine whether or not there has been a violation of sexual discrimination laws, and they have notified the university by letter. The university declined to comment on the letter. They simply capitulated.

Braly, now known as Jennifer Braly, is a father who has been married and divorced two times and who now self-identifies as a woman. Women students’ complaints were filed following disclosure by Braly in a social studies class. This dangerous change caters to the “inconvenience” of one

compared to the safety of women. With this policy, there is no restraint on any male deciding that he is “considering sexual revision,” to enter a woman’s restroom or locker-room facility to the inconvenience, embarrassment or danger of women using the facility. This case sends a message to other institutions who receive federal funds that they will be required to allow the use of restroom facilities by people “identifying with a gender,” not necessarily the one indicated by their anatomy. No scientific



determination is required—only what an individual believes today about their gender identity. This case underscores the conflict today between traditionalists and those promoting the pro-homosexual agenda who elevate homosexual rights over the privacy rights and religious liberties of others. Gender identity and sexual orientation, must not be equated with race, age and disability in determining civil rights. The safety of our daughters and granddaughters is at stake.

East Texas Area News The Texas Education Way

Much has been written and said about the refusal of our Texas governor to accept additional federal funding for our public school system. Essentially, to receive the funds Texas would have been required to ascribe to Common Core Standards Initiative produced by a coalition of the National Governors Association (NGA) and Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Forty-five states have adopted these goals and standards.

However, Texas has been following standards written by Texans for Texans and reviewed each decade for many years. These standards are called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)—what students should know and be able to do. [Click here](#) to read them. The following comes from that site:

Knowledge and Skills or TEKS is the official K-12 curriculum for the state of Texas and its public schools, mandated by law. It details the curriculum requirements for every course. State-mandated standardized tests measure acquisition of specific knowledge and skills outlined in this curriculum. It is also used in international



schools outside Texas (see [Sharon English School](#)). The TEKS are taught to students and within the end of the year, they take a standardized test based off the TEKS ... **State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness**, commonly referred to by its acronym **STAAR** (pronounced *star*), are a series of state-mandated standardized tests used in

Texas public primary and secondary schools to assess a student's achievements and knowledge learned in the grade level. It tests curriculum taught from the [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills](#), which in turn is taught by public schools. The test is developed by

Pearson Education, along with the close supervision of the Texas Education Agency.

Schools who receive funds from the state of Texas are required to enforce these tests among students who attend the schools.”

The federal option, called the Common Core State Standards Initiative, is a multi-state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School

“Texas Essential

Officers (CCSSO). The website for it is: <http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards> It describes them: "These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs." You can read them there.

According to the U.S. Department of Education website:

- ◆ "The federal government has had no role in the development of the common core state standards and will not have a role in their implementation. "However, the federal government will have the opportunity to support states as they begin adopting the standards. For example, the federal government can
- ◆ "Support this effort through **a range of tiered incentives**, (*highlight provided by the editor of this newsletter*) such as providing states with greater flexibility in the use of existing federal funds, supporting a revised state accountability structure, and offering financial support for states to implement the standards.
- ◆ "Provide long-term financial support for the development and implementation of common assessments, teacher and principal professional development, and research to help continually improve the common core state standards over time.



- ◆ "Revise and align existing federal education laws with the lessons learned from the best of what works in other nations and from research."

In April, 2010, Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, said in a speech, "A well-educated student, in other words, is exposed to a well-rounded curriculum. It is the making of connections, conveyed by a rich core curriculum, which ultimately empowers students to develop convictions and reach their full academic and social potential."

Two troubling words:

"conviction" is a word used to describe a feeling—not necessary to objective facts; and "social" a word used to describe relative personal values. These objectives need close intervention by parents.

The reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 has been proposed; however, no bill has passed that has fully reauthorized it. Parts have been included in appropriation bills. The administration commented, "[It] comes at a time of significant economic and global change and provides a critical opportunity for all levels of government to renew our commitment to high standards and partner together to strengthen education. In today's competitive economy, our education system must work even harder to prepare students to be successful in work, life, postsecondary education and in an ever and rapidly changing world. Every student must be prepared for lifelong learning.

Much is at stake."

John Hechinger of Bloomberg News wrote, "Almost half of U.S. public schools are considered failing under the No Child Left Behind law, according to a report in December by the Center on Education Policy, a Washington-based nonpartisan research group. The administration has cited the failure rate as a reason to offer states and local school authorities more flexibility.

"Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Rhode Island received waivers from the law, enacted under former President George W. Bush. In all, 19 states have now been granted permission to sidestep the statute in exchange for agreeing to elements of the Obama administration's education agenda. The states obtaining waivers would be exempt from the requirement that all students pass achievement tests by 2014 -- and make progress toward that goal each year -- or risk losing federal funding. Under No Child Left Behind, each state establishes its own proficiency tests and determines what constitutes passing."

Local control of our public school system is the most reliable way to produce future productive, informed, educated citizens for our state. To access statistics for education in the states, go to www.Dashboard.ed.gov:

Welcome to the United States Education Dashboard ... President Obama has established a goal that, by 2020, the United States will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world. Meeting this goal is

National Day of Prayer



As Christians around the nation paused to enlist the help of God in our nation, the mayors of Rockwall County invited citizens to share breakfast and a time of prayer. Pictured here are Ann Hettinger, Johanna Runnels, David Sweet, who is Mayor of Rockwall, Michelle Smith, who is both Rockwall City Councilwoman and CWA East Texas Area Director, Frances White, who is CWA's East Texas Prayer Chapter Coordinator and her husband John White.



Young Women for America (YWA)

YWA is great new project of CWA. [Click here](#) to check it out. Know of a high school or college student that may be interested? Forward them the website today!

Gay Superheroes & Your Kid's Imagination - Alone at Last!

That's what DC COMICS AND MARVEL COMICS hope. DC COMICS (owned by Warner Bros) will soon have a beloved superhero come out of the closet. ([Click here](#) for more information) Jumping on the gay bandwagon, MARVEL COMIC (owned by Disney) is featuring a male superhero who will marry another male. ([Click here](#) for more information.) When my kids were kids, no one, and I mean no one, was allowed to be alone with them that wasn't in my immediate family circle. I've been around the block and learned that who you're alone with as a kid can change your life forever. Even other kids' parents contributed to our delinquency. That's what makes me a momma grizzly (pointed out by both my eldest son and mother-in-law when they ended up getting me the same exact Mother's Day card featuring a momma grizzly bear).

Some may say, "Live and let live. To each his own." But is "to each his own" really the case? I say not so when it comes to the homosexual agenda. Haven't you noticed that the homosexual agenda wants to involve your kids? For years now, there have been so many programs and "special" days regarding homosexuality in the public schools. Some programs want to hand out pamphlets to elementary kids

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vital to our long-term economic security and to preparing young people and adults to be active citizens. Reaching the President's goal will require comprehensive education reforms from cradle to career, beginning with children at birth, supporting them through high school and

postsecondary education, and helping them to succeed as lifelong learners who can adapt to the constant changes in the demands of the global economy. To monitor the country's progress towards reaching our goal, the U.S. Department of Education presents the *United States Education Dashboard*. The

Dashboard is intended to spur and inform conversations about how to improve educational results.

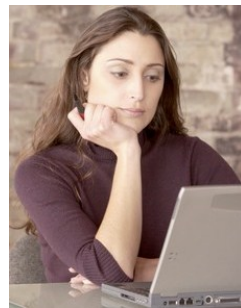


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North Texas Area News Deliverance From Pornography

This month I have been challenged to address the on-going problem of pornography in our culture.

Its detrimental invasion into our families is increasing from film, television and internet. Webster's Dictionary defines pornography as, "the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement." Pornography addiction is defined as "a dependence upon pornography characterized by obsessive viewing, reading, and thinking about pornography and sexual themes to the detriment of other areas of life." www.Myaddiction.com reports that "sex addiction statistics from the Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health conservatively estimate that 3%-5% of the U.S. population suffers from sexual compulsion disorders. The estimate is considered low because it is based on those seeking treatment for sex addiction. Many of those afflicted avoid exposure and cannot be easily tracked." The criteria for addiction includes: "(1) failure to control the behavior (powerlessness) and (2) continuation of the behavior



despite significant negative consequences (unmanageability)." Internet porn addiction also carries a moral stigma and the likelihood that important love and sex relationships will be negatively affected.

In addition to decreasing standards in everyday media, technology has dramatically increased the availability. The "new media" of smartphones offers some addicts instant phone-based porn downloads along with wherever/whenever live video streaming of sexual activities, while Facebook can leave some cruising images and profiles for hours on end. The range of those addicted covers all economic and sociologic strata.



The following list of symptoms is reproduced from the University of Texas at Dallas Student Counseling Center as signs of addiction:

- ◆ The use feels like it is out of your control. You make unsuccessful efforts to quit or limit your use.
- ◆ Your use of pornography is

incompatible with your beliefs and values. You feel guilt, shame, depression, and/or remorse after using pornography.

- ◆ You keep your pornography use or the extent of your pornography use secret from others and worry that others will find out about your use.
- ◆ The use of pornography consumes your thinking. When you are not using pornography, you think about it frequently and anticipate when you will use it again. You spend increasing amounts of time using pornography.
- ◆ Your use of pornography has negative consequences in your life. For example, you may neglect responsibilities or become less effective in your job or in academics. You might spend too much money on pornography or put yourself in dangerous situations you would not normally be in due to the pornography or sexual addiction. You may have been caught using pornography in inappropriate places such as work or a campus computer lab.
- ◆ Your use of pornography

causes problems in your intimate relationships, such as creating emotional distance between people you love or causing those in a relationship with you to feel neglected. You may lose relationships due to the pornography.

- ◆ As I considered what would be most helpful, I have decided that prayer is our most powerful tool against this foe. The following is a prayer I hope you will find useful and powerful.

Holy Father, I come before Your mighty throne of grace asking help to overcome the temptation and sin of pornography in our nation, state, cities and homes. We know it is sinful to look at and enjoy watching men and women who are committing lewd, shameless acts and tempting others to do the same. Your Word says in 1

Corinthians 3:16-17, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple." Remind us of these truths and convict us with the knowledge that these scenes of naked men and women engaging in sexual acts defile our own soul and body. Every time we see them, Father, we commit the sin of fornication and adultery in our mind.

Lord, teach us to guard that which You have called sacred. Those caught up in this sin feel so dirty, guilty and defiled in their souls. They are aroused to do the same things they have viewed, which leads to further and deeper sin. Protect them from death until repentance comes, for surely You desire all to come to repentance. You died for this sin years ago and

totally conquered it by Your resurrection power. I ask that You give Your power to overcome these lustful, evil temptations to those who need it, even now.

Father, we want to be holy before You and ask that You forgive our nation, state, cities and homes of this sin and wash each soul by Your precious blood. Remove every inclination towards this sin. Give us Your power to resist Satan and our sin natures that lure us to evil. Thank you that we can claim Your promise found in Romans 6:14, "For sin shall not be your master". We are able because You are able. Thank you for hearing our prayer, in Jesus' Name, Amen and Amen.



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about gay sex acts, and others wanting to implement "transsexual" dress day for all. I agree to an extent that as Ron Paul puts it, however, we legislate, it will be legislated unto us as Conservative Christians; however, when a nation agrees to homosexual marriage, they are agreeing to the indoctrination of their children towards moral decay, via public schools, media and now in retail. It's how they work since children are the leaders of tomorrow.

TAKE A STAND:

Please take a moment and pray about these issues. Ask the Lord to change the hearts of those in leadership at DC Comic and Marvel Comic.

Please firmly, yet respectfully, let both DC Comic and Marvel Comic know how you feel about their "super heroes."

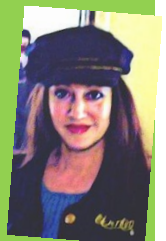
[Click here](#) to contact DC Comic and [click here](#) to contact Marvel Comic.

Express your opinion . When I e-mail regarding

homosexuality, I say from a religious standpoint it's sin and in complete opposition to God's design for mankind, and I don't want you presenting it to

my kids. Go get 'em MOMMA GRIZZLY!

JoAnn March
Culture Warrior



North Texas Happenings

Busy month for CWA in North Texas! The National Day of Prayer on May 3 was such a powerful time of prayer for our nation. I attended an event and saw dear friends while making new ones as well.



I was joined by other state and local CWA leaders as we hosted CWA's CEO, Penny Nance, as she visited our area to film a piece for the *Life Today* program (air date is August 27, 2012).

I was honored to meet a number of CWA friends at a

luncheon for Penny in Colleyville.

I filled in for our Fort Worth Prayer/Action Chapter leader who was hospitalized and led her group in a

blessed time of prayer; I also showed them a DVD of Bill Federer discussing Sharia Law.

Last but not least, I was able to attend a Life Advisory Committee meeting at the pregnancy



center in North Richland Hills where we discussed ways to help combat abortion. As you can see, CWA is active and vibrant in North Texas, and we need your help! If you would like to join our work, please contact CWA of North Texas on our website at www.cwfa.org.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



South Texas Area News

Religious Liberty in the Age of Government Control

Jesus told the Pharisees to render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. Our current administration, in direct defiance of our Constitution and our religious heritage, is forcing people of faith to lay aside their religious convictions and just “go along” with the program.

In another layer of controls placed on top of the requirement for every person in the nation to purchase health insurance, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has also mandated that the insurance coverage extend to birth control, abortifacients and sterilization. There is a narrow exemption for churches but not for other religious institutions nor for people with a moral objection to this incursion into their lives.

Mind you, this is not about the desire of the faithful to make contraception illegal, nor about government funding of it. This concerns the requirement to accept the mandate in direct contravention of our first amendment right to the free exercise of religion.

Religious activity is centered in various institutions that have generally been free from interference by the government as long as there is no overt illegal activity. Seldom has the government intervened in the inner workings of churches and other religious institutions, unless those institutions took government money to underwrite certain activities.

In a silly attempt to placate those with objections, the government has proposed that these services be provided

separately by the insurance companies.

This is just a ruse that fools no one. We know that money funneled to a group to provide services will simply be shifted from one pocket to another to give the appearance of spending the money on only certain items.

Protestants and Catholics are standing together on this issue because this is just the beginning of intrusion into our religious practices. The government will not stop at this measure but will continue to tighten the noose in every possible area.



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The Frist Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

CWA of Texas Entertains Our National Leaders

CWA CEO and President Penny Nance visited the Dallas Fort Worth area on May 15 and appeared on the James Robison show, *Live Today*. CWA leadership attended the taping and followed up with a dessert party at the hotel. Pictured are Joni Boggs, Weatherford Prayer/Action Chapter Leader; Michelle Smith, East Texas Area Director; Penny Nance; Carole LaFreniere, Bedford Prayer/Action Chapter Leader; Judy Haggard, State Prayer Chapter Coordinator; Kia Mutranowski, North Texas Area Director; Johanna Runnels, Rockwall Prayer/Action Chapter Leader; Ann Hettinger, State Director, and Cherie Short, CWA Director

of Development. On May 16, Penny spoke at a luncheon in Colleyville at the home of Mrs. Karen Davis and hosted by the Ken Davis Foundation. More than thirty people enjoyed a delicious lunch and were introduced to the work of CWA.



Dessert Party



Luncheon

Please remember to continue to spread the word about CWA of Texas! Consider carrying CWA literature in your purse that you can easily give away. If you are a chapter leader, please encourage your chapter members to do the same.